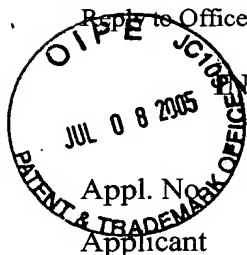
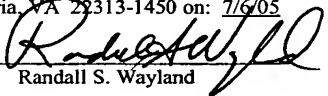


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office communication mailed herein on 03/08/2005, please amend the above-identified as follows:

Amendments to the Claims – page 2 following;

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